

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Ocala, Fla., April 2, 1907.
The board of public instruction in and for Marion county, Florida, met this the second day of April, 1907, in regular session with Isaac Stevens, chairman, B. R. Blitch and J. S. Grantham present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
The superintendent stated that he had sent out notices to all trustees and supervisors, that if they were satisfied with their present teachers to secure them for another year if they could, but if they desired a change to begin looking for teachers at once.

There were a number of communications before the board stating that trustees and supervisors could not act wisely until they knew just what the salaries and length of term would be. The board decided to make estimates of the expenses for next term and fix salaries at the May meeting of the board.

The secretary was instructed to state in the minutes, that at the next meeting, the first Tuesday in May, the board will consider the question whether it will operate any school than cannot make an average of eight pupils. That some average will be agreed upon and in the future strictly adhered to and that all persons interested in this subject can appear before the board at its next regular meeting.

It was decided that in view of the fact, that there are so many claims for increase in salaries and other expenses, that at the May meeting the board will decide whether or not it will ask for the full seven mills for school purposes.

A letter was read from the state superintendent saying that there will be a convention of county superintendents, and school board members and principals held in Tallahassee, April 17 to 19, and urged each board that they send representatives. It was ordered that the expenses of the county superintendent and one member of the board be paid to said convention.

The board discussed the question of uniform text books for the state and unanimously passed the following declaration:

The board of public instruction of Marion county, Florida, is in favor of a Uniform System of text books for the state of Florida. That our representatives in the legislature and our senator be asked to do all they can to pass a law for uniform text books.

That this board recommends that the change be made gradually upon the expiration of the present contract for a certain number of years. That this board further recommend that the books be selected by a committee consisting of five county teachers holding state certificates, to be selected by the "Florida Educational Association," and the State Superintendent, who shall be chairman and that no two of the committee shall be from the same county.

The board then adjourned to meet on Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock.
On Tuesday morning the board met per adjournment with full board present.

Teachers' reports and other accounts were examined, approved and ordered paid.

The treasurer's report was examined and approved as follows:

Bal last report \$.01
Recd. from A. C. Croom, state aid 832.25
Recd. from W. D. Carn, money paid for libraries 30.00
Recd. from E. L. Carney, levy of 1906 5847.18
Recd. from E. L. Carney, polls of 1906 1012.00

Total receipts \$7722.56
Disb'd. during March \$500.55

Bal. in treasury \$2722.01

The treasurer's report for the special school districts were approved and shows the following balances:

Ocala, \$550.98; McIntosh, \$321.10; Belleview, \$250.21; Fantville, \$59.24; Dunnellon, \$39.56; Reddick, \$65.76; Pine Level, \$165.69; Mayville, \$25.63; Weirsdale, \$116.75; Citra, \$161.80; Griner Farm, \$251.40; Buck Pond, \$31.44; Sparr, \$96.78; Candler, \$72.54; Fellowship, \$141.69; Electra, \$2.00; Blitchton, \$3135.21; Martel, \$17.44; Fort King, \$45.65; Capulet, \$1.88; Linadale, \$40.90; Cotton Plant, \$133.35; Orange Lake, \$7.07; Oak Hill, \$55.24; Moss Bluff, \$1.80; Fairfield, \$110.09; Cottage Hill, \$55.43; Charter Oak, \$48.55; Pedro, \$66.66; Kendrick, \$9.65; Ocklawaha, \$36.47; Totals, \$3567.96.

There being no further business the board adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in May.

W. D. CARN, Secy.

Doing Business Again.

"When my friends thought I was about to take leave of this world, on account of digestion, nervousness and general debility," writes A. A. Chisholm, Treadwell, N. Y., "and when it looked as if there was no hope left I was persuaded to try Electric Bitters, and I rejoice to say that they are curing me. I am now doing business again as of old, and am still gaining daily." Best tonic medicine on earth. Guaranteed by Tydings & Co., druggists. 50c.

Mrs. J. B. Hiers and son, of Jacksonville, are the guests of Mrs. Hiers' mother, Mrs. S. E. Watterman.

Overcoats were still in evidence Tuesday. The thermometer having registered 40 degrees Tuesday morning.

VILLAGE OF CONCRETE.

When the National Homecroft bill shall have become a law, the government shall have entered on the new era whose sign is to be the Homecroft Village, it will be found that its expression will be mainly seen in structures of concrete. The perfection and adoption of this material to all the purposes of building, just in advance of the inauguration of the Homecroft movement, is a significant coincidence. It compensates for the growing deficiency of timber, and affords a material at once plastic, easily manipulated, life-proof, durable and amenable to all the requirements of utility and beauty.

For concrete is no longer limited in color, without the application of paint, to a dull, prison-like gray. It is no longer necessarily absorbent of water and therefore damp. The forms in which it can be moulded are as various as those of plaster of Paris. Reinforced, at little cost, with wire or light iron rods, it becomes as serviceable for horizontal construction—floor-beams, rafters and the like—as timber or iron. You can build your houses, now, of concrete colored, or faced with colored material closely incorporated with the body of blocks, or of any tint desired. The concrete village will afford examples both of harmony and contrasts in color as well as of endless variety in architectural shapes, to the delight of all lovers of beauty.

And then the material of which the Portland cement can be made, which is the basis of modern concrete, is so universally abundant! According to the geological survey, it is found in some form in almost every county in the United States. Twenty per cent. of the nation's area is underlaid with limestone, chalks, etc., from which it is made. It can never be controlled by a trust.

Tools and molds have been devised of steel by which a "bill of concrete" is shaped and dimensions suitable for any house can be supplied. And the concrete can be put together with less waste. Or it can be molded into the building directly, by the use of different systems of steel molds. These can be used for thousands of buildings successively, so that the cost on each house, when a series of villages is to be erected, will be very slight.

A Big Easter Bouquet.

The biggest bouquet we have ever noted an editor receiving is the one given the Atlanta Journal by one of its enthusiastic and ardent admirers on its Easter editorial page. Here is the way the enthusiastic reader scatters the flowers over the writer in question:

"The Atlanta Journal's editorial page on Easter Sunday, when properly read aloud, is more eloquent than the sermons of Cicero or Demosthenes. It combines the religion of the preacher with the eloquence of the orator; the wisdom of the statesman with the acumen of the politician; the simplicity of a child with the erudition of the sage; the purity of woman with the strength of man, the fervor of a crusader, with the sympathy of a sister of charity; the beauty of poetry with the common-sense of prose; the intensity of the sun's hot rays by day with the gentler influences of the moon that shines into the shadows of the night.

"It is worth transmitting to generations yet unborn and by them regarded as a priceless heritage."
If a copy of the Woman's Easter Edition of the Ocala Banner had fallen under the observation of this gentleman we do not believe there would have been flowers enough in the state of Georgia for him to have used in expressing his admiration for it.

Indians That are Idealists.

At the National hotel is a tall, dark-haired gentleman, in quiet clothes, who is registered as S. H. Sequiche. He is a representative of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, of which he is a full-blooded member. He is a graduate of Carlisle, and talks with great interest of his tribe, he says: "We are the only Indian tribe that has succeeded in reducing our language to writing. Our alphabet has eighty-two letters, and since we have had it we have made great strides both in modern education and in keeping up the history and the traditions of our race. Our nation is a nation of ideals and our trend of mind is toward romanticism. We know the significance of the green of the trees; of the dew of the grass; the beauty of the flowers; the sheeny of the moon; the mystery of the stars. We have always been idealists rather than materialists, but we are assimilating modern civilization and coming closer to our standard, and we are losing some of our poetical fervor and are paying more attention to the useful arts. We are a moral nation. We believe in monogamy, and we love our wives and children. We are hoping to make our nation a sterling factor in the civilization of the United States, for, after all, we are true Americans in every sense."—Washington Herald.

A Poor Organ.

Dam (s) the bile. That's what your liver does if it torpid. Then the bile overflows into the blood—poisons your system, causing sick headache, biliousness, sallow skin, coated tongue, sick stomach, dizziness, fainting spells, etc. Ramon's treatment of liver pills and tonic pellets strengthens the liver and makes it do its own work. Prevents and cures these troubles. It aids—doesn't force. Entire treatment 25 cents. Tydings' Drug Store.

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SMYRNA CARPETS—HOW THEY ARE MADE.

Mr. Henry M. Flagler is said to have a Smyrna rug in his beautiful residence at Palm Beach which cost \$14,000.

Mr. E. L. Harris, American consul at Smyrna tells in one of his reports how these rugs are made which may prove of interest to some of our readers.

He says: The celebrated "Smyrna carpet" is not made in Smyrna; it is a product of the valley of Aidin, of which Smyrna is the capital. The chief places of manufacture are the villages of Uscbak, Koule, Ghiardis, Madri, Melessos, Kirkagatsch, Axar and Demirdjiti. The industry gives employment to thousands of needy people, especially women, who are obliged to do the work almost entirely, while the men spend their time in the coffee houses drinking strong coffee and smoking numberless cigarettes, all in true Oriental fashion. Little girls are compelled to take up the work early, at seven or ten years of age at the latest, and they keep at it unceasingly until they go to their graves.

The market for the wools is held every Thursday from dawn to sunset in the bazaar of Uscbak, which is then filled with purchasers who have arrived on buffaloes, camels, donkeys and other picturesque beasts of burden. The spun wools are not dyed by the weavers themselves but by special dyers.

More than 3,000 female weavers are employed at Uscbak in the preparation of carpets. The operators are generally members of the same family, but there are a number of girls who earn from six to seven cents a day. The Ghiardis carpets are generally smaller than those of Uscbak. Very fine prayer carpets, closely woven and of harmonious colors, are produced in imitation of the Persian carpets.

The carpets are made into bales of 250 pounds each and covered with goat skins. The caravans pass the night in the open country at the foot of some hill, the drivers under tents and the camels and their loads in the open air. Very large carpets, too heavy to be packed, are folded and thrown across the backs of the camels in the form of a covering. When the carpets arrive in Smyrna they are spread out, beaten and repacked in bales weighing 500 to 600 pounds each for exportation.

MR. FISHEL APPOINTED.

Ex-Governor W. L. Douglas, of Massachusetts, has been wanting to establish an agency in central Florida for his celebrated \$3.50 and \$4 shoes, and it has fallen to Ocala's good fortune to secure the same. Ex-Mayor Fishel has been given the agency. Ex-Governor Douglas says his shoes are unequalled. He says that the \$4 shoes he makes are guaranteed as good as any \$5 shoes made. Call on M. Fishel for Douglas shoes. All styles and all shapes.

Lamar and Kehoe.

'Tis said that the coming campaign between Hon. J. Walter Kehoe and Hon. W. B. Lamar, in the second congressional district of Florida, will be the most interesting waged in Florida politics for a long time. Surely Washington county will come in for its share of attention during the time the candidates are on the stump. This county stood third in the last general election in number of votes polled, being surpassed only by Jackson and Escambia counties. Both gentlemen have hosts of friends here and throughout the county. It is hard to predict just how the county will go on election day. The congressman has been on the ticket before and many will remember it when they see it again. Mr. Kehoe has been before the people constantly as state attorney in this circuit and has won the admiration and esteem of many by his earnest and close application of his attention to his duty as a public officer. He has made no enemies even among those whom he prosecuted in discharge of his duty.—Washington Verdict.

A Notable Edition.

Sunday morning the Ocala Banner was taken in charge by the ladies of St. Margaret's Guild and was issued as a "Woman's Easter Edition." It is an exceptionally handsome production, well printed, well edited, well illustrated. The frontispiece is a fine half-tone reproduction of Bouguereau's magnificent painting, "Holy Women at the Tomb," and beneath it is printed the thrilling words of the hymn, "Angels Roll the Rock Away." The paper consists of twenty pages and is filled with articles of high merit written by Ocala women, together with many write-ups of the city's institutions. It is a credit to the community to have been the birthplace of so fine an output, because it is an indication of the high grade of mentality of its women and the conspicuous public spirit of its newspaper men.—Tampa Tribune.

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NOTICE.

WANTED—By the Board of county commissioners of Marion county, Florida, a good, competent and reliable man for guard at the county jail. 4-5-2t S. T. SISTRUNK, Clerk.

A SONG, NOT A SERMON.

But It Points a Moral From a Very Ordinary Incident.

It was a merry occasion. The fun was fast and furious. It was in a large room, the place, Washington.

Insuring told John Farnsworth, what dangers that must make us aware.

We typically we fear the devil. We typically we'll face the devil.

And so one of this party invited seven companions to join him in a drink of "red hicker," and they sat—

Bousing at the nappy. An' getting 'em an' 'em happy.

The man plunked down a dollar, crisp and fresh from the treasury. The account was squared; the score was paid. He was a family man and walked across the street to a meat stand and ordered two pounds of round steak. The grocer supplied him and asked 30 cents as the price. "What?" the man roared. "What? Fifteen cents a pound for round steak! It is a high-way robbery!"

And so we go through life prodigal in buying luxury and miserly in buying necessity. That man had no conception of his illogical action—spending a dollar for liquor that he and his comrades would have been the better without and kicking a hole in the ceiling on account of a purchase of beef to the charge of 30 cents that he could ill do without. Man can live without booze, but the man has yet to be invented who can get along without food.

This is no sermon. This newspaper never preaches. What we intended to say and all we intended to say was to call attention to the truth.

All the world's a stage. And all the men and women merely players.

The very best of us have need of the charity of our brothers and sisters.—Washington Post.

GOOD COLLATERAL.

The Way Tom Fitch of Nevada Used to "Raise the Wind."

Tom Fitch of Nevada was a bright fellow and one of the best writers and stump speakers of the west, but he was thrifless and when he got hard up would resort to almost any means to get a stake.

One day he wrote a scathing speech denouncing Sharon, then president of the Bank of California and afterward United States senator from Nevada. In it he charged Sharon with almost every crime known to the Decalogue or the statutes. He put the manuscript in a large envelope and walked into the Bank of California.

"Here," he said to the cashier, handing the package through the window—"here are some securities which I offer as collateral on a loan. Please hand them to Mr. Sharon in person, and I will wait for his answer."

Mr. Sharon was in his private office. Breaking the seal of the envelope, he found the speech and read it through, together with a note from Fitch, informing him that unless he was paid \$5,000 he would deliver that speech in every town in the state. In a few minutes the cashier, on Mr. Sharon's order, reported that the collateral was all right and paid the happy Fitch the desired amount.

Three months afterward, having gone through the money in speculation and dissipation, Mr. Fitch made his appearance with another speech, this time of a very complimentary character, which he promised to deliver at every convenient opportunity for the same amount. This, too, proved good collateral, and the story would never have come to light if Fitch had not, in a moment of drunken frankness, told it himself.

He Was Willing.

A good, kind man unfortunately married a shrewish wife, and the woman changed his nature. One morning after his wife had called him a good for nothing loafer and snatched his breakfast away he started off, hungry and sore, for work. A sour looking woman entered the car he was on. She got into a violent dispute with the conductor over her change. Finally, red with rage, she looked about her and said, "Is there a gentleman in this car who will stand by and see a lady insulted?" The hungry man whose nature had been spoiled rose eagerly. "Yes, madam," he said; "I will."

The Nature of Love.

Love is the river of life in this world. Think not that ye know it who stand at the little tinkling rill—the first small fountain. Not until you have gone through the rocky gorges and not lost the stream; not until you have gone through the meadow, and the stream has widened and deepened until floods could ride upon its bosom; not until beyond the meadow you have come to the unfathomable ocean and poured your treasures into its depths—not until then can you know what love is.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Takes No Chances.

"Remember," said the kind elderly gentleman, "that you may be president of the United States." "Yes," answered the boy whose father is connected with the race track, "but look at the population of this country. I've only got one chance in millions. I ain't playing any long shots like that."—Washington Star.

It Depends.

Follette (recently married)—A man is called a "Benedict" when he is married. What is a girl called under the same circumstances? Anna (also recently married)—Well, it depends altogether on what she married.—Life.

We love in others what we lack in ourselves and would be everything but what we are.—Stoddard.

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Before President Roosevelt became a great statesman by becoming president he was only an ordinary politician and went so far as to write to Harriman "to save the republican party." Mr. Harriman says that he made a personal appeal to him and wanted him to raise \$250,000 to wheel New York state into the republican column. Mr. Harriman does not state whether or not he raised the sum of money the president requested of him. However, the insurance companies responded to urgent appeals made to them and some of the officers connected with them, becoming conscious stricken, have replaced the sums contributed out of their private funds.

Tom Watson's Magazine says that Governor Vardaman is a gentleman by his finger tips and says he can quote poetry by the best poets by the hour and is familiar with the best stuff in the best books. The Mississippiian has made a complete capture of the noted Georgian.

The most striking thing the governor's message is his recommendation to memorialize congress "to rebase territory, either domestic or foreign, and provide means to purchase the property of the negroes, at reasonable prices, and to transport them to the territory purchased by the United States. The United States organize a government for them the negro race, to protect them from foreign invasion; to prevent white people from living among them; the territory, and to prevent groes migrating back to the United States." "I believe," he says, "this to be the only hope of a solution of the race problem." He says he makes a recommendation for the good of the white race; to keep sweet the race of the white people; to keep the conscience keen and clean.

Tom Watson has a winter he in Florida and favors the draining the Everglades.

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